

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:407

ANSWERED ON:24.07.2001

ARREST OF UNION MINISTER IN TAMIL NADU

DALPAT SINGH PARASTE;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA;NIKHIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY;SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SHYAMA SINGH;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether recently former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and two Cabinet Ministers were arrested by the Tamil Nadu police;
- (b) if so, the charges against them;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Union Government have sent a Central Team to Tamil Nadu recently in the wake of their arrests ;
- (e) if so, the details of the report submitted by the Central Team;
- (f) whether the Government have examined the report;
- (g) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (h) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (h): As per the reports received from the State Government of Tamil Nadu, Shri M. Karunanidhi, former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu was arrested on the intervening night of June 29/30, 2001, under the IPC and Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on the alleged charges of cheating and corrupt practices in the construction of 9 flyovers causing a total loss of about Rs. 12 crores. Shri Murali Maran and Shri T.R. Baalu, both Cabinet Ministers of the Government of India, were arrested for allegedly causing obstruction to the police and assaulting police personnel on duty. Keeping in view the conflicting reports from Chennai, a Central team was dispatched to Chennai on June 30, 2001. The report of the Central team relates to the circumstances leading to the arrest of Shri M. Karunanidhi and two Central Ministers and the large scale arrests of the members of a particular political party. The Government have examined the report of the Central team along with other reports and thereafter, issued an appropriate communication to the State Government.